

Christmas

Read the text

The 25th of December is Christmas Day. In the UK, families often celebrate Christmas together, so they can watch each other open their presents!

Most families have a Christmas Tree (or maybe even two!) in their house for Christmas. The decorating of the tree is usually a family occasion, everyone helps. Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe are also sometimes used to decorate homes.

Most villages, towns and cities are decorated with Christmas lights over Christmas. The most famous Christmas lights in the UK are in Oxford Street in London. Every year they get bigger and better.

Children believe that Santa Claus leaves presents in stockings or pillow-cases. Children write letters to Santa listing their requests, but sometimes instead of putting them in the post, the letters are tossed into the fireplace.

In the UK, people usually eat the main Christmas Meal at lunchtime on Christmas Day. It's normally turkey and vegetables sometimes bacon and sausages. Dessert is often Christmas Pudding. Trifle is also a popular dessert at Christmas.

The UK is also famous for Christmas Cake - some people love it and some people really don't like it

At 3.00pm on Christmas Day, the Royal Christmas Message is broadcast on TV, radio and online in the UK. The tradition of a Royal Christmas Message started in 1932 by King George V.

In the UK, it doesn't snow very often, but people always want to know if it will be a 'White Christmas'. Statistics show that in the UK, they get an official White Christmas about every 4 or 5 years and have real snow at Christmas about 1 in 10

One sure way of getting some snow into Christmas in the UK is by watching the popular cartoon 'The Snowman' which is about a boy's adventure when his snowman comes to life. The animation was first shown on UK TV on Boxing Day in 1982. The Snowman also sings the song "Walking in the Air"

1. Choose the correct answer

1. Children write letters to...

- a) Snowman
- b) Santa
- c) King
- d) Saint Nicolaus

2. What tree do people decorate?

- a) Christmas tree
- b) Palm
- c) Pine
- d) Apple tree

3. Where does Santa usually leave the presents?

- a) In stockings
- b) Under the bed
- c) Under the Christmas tree
- d) Near the Christmas tree

4. When do people usually eat the main Christmas meal?

- a) In the evening
- b) In the morning
- c) Late at night
- d) At lunchtime

5. What do people usually eat as a dessert?

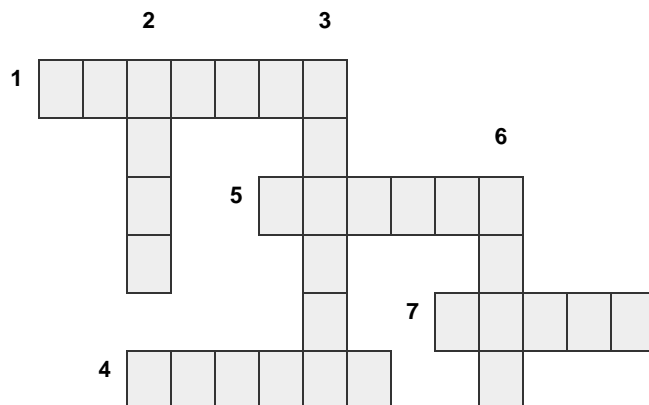
- a) Chocolate biscuits
- b) Toasts with jam
- c) Lollipops
- d) Christmas pudding

6. What is the popular cartoon?

- a) «The Snowman»
- b) «Christmas rabbit»
- c) «The Polar Bear»
- d) «Winter day»

2. Solve the crossword puzzle

- 1) Christmas Pudding is a...
- 2) «Walking in the Air» is Christmas...
- 3) It is a popular Christmas dessert
- 4) It is the main Christmas meal
- 5) Most villages and towns are decorated with Christmas ...
- 6) In the UK it does not ...very often
- 7) It is also used to decorate homes



3. Try to say it quickly

- * Seven Santas sang silly songs (*Семь Санта Клаусов пели глупые песни*)
- * Santa's sleigh slides on slick snow (*Сани Санты скользят по скользкому снегу*)
- * Bobby brings bright bells (*Бобби приносит яркие колокольчики*)
- * Eleven elves licked eleven little lollipops (*Одиннадцать эльфов лизнули одиннадцать маленьких леденцов*)
- * Santa's sack sags slightly (*Мешок Санты слегка провисает*)
- * Ten tiny tin trains toot ten times (*Десять крошечных оловянных поездов по десять раз прогудели*)
- * Santa stuffs Stephie's striped stocking (*Санта наполняет (подарками) полосатые чулки Стефи*)
- * Comet cuddles cute Christmas kittens carefully (*Комета бережно обнимает милых рождественских котят*)

4. Give short answers

Do you celebrate Christmas?

Did you decorate a Christmas tree last year?

Is there a fireplace in your house?

Are you going to send Christmas cards this year?

Does your mum cook roast turkey for Christmas dinner?

Are there any Christmas stockings in your house?

5. *Sing the song*

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

6. Find the odd one out. Try to explain your view.

1. Turkey, pudding, trifle, carrots

2. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, decoration

3. Fireplace, tables, pillow-cases, stockings

4. vegetables, bacon, eggs, sausages

7. Match words with pictures

Christmas Cake



Turkey



Stockings



Holly



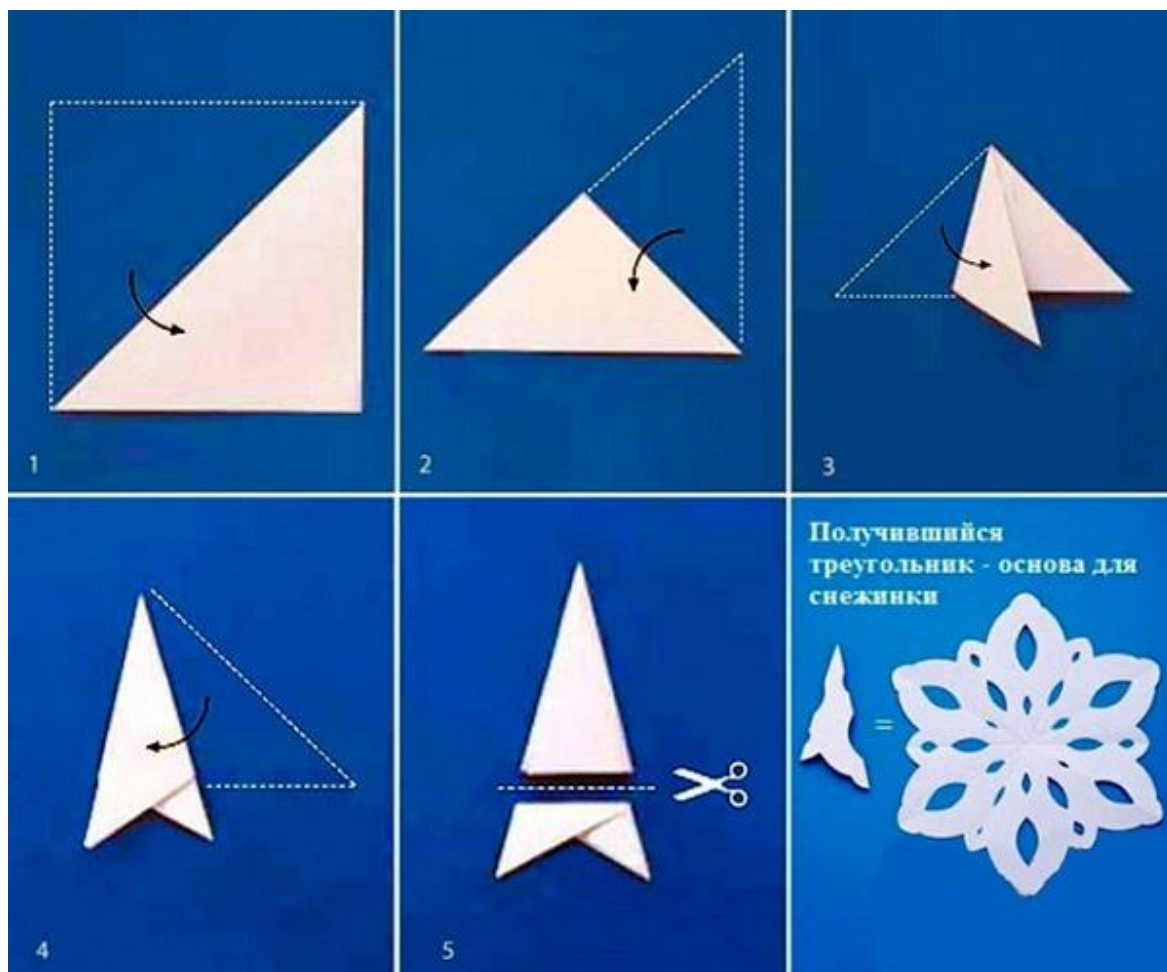
Christmas lights



8. Answer the riddles

- ☆ People put gifts under it and she shines brightly with toys
- ☆ We dream about them all night before Christmas
- ☆ This is the season when children ski
- ☆ Traditional Christmas dish
- ☆ We usually put them on, but once a year we hang them for the presents
- ☆ What is white and made out of snow

9. Make a snowlake



10. Solve the puzzles

